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oppose the Newell amendment and would support the amendment to send it back to the Public Works Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis. We are speaking to the Newell motion to send the bill back to Miscellaneous Subjects.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. Chairman, 27 days, I suspect that if we start getting into these kind of contests for whatever reasons, the time is going to be taken up on a lot of those kind of issues. I do not particularly care what happens to this bill. I don't believe the State of Nebraska will fall without it and I don't think anybody is going to be ruined with it. We have taken an hour of time, I imagine, trying to debate this and there is about 27 of those coming up and we can do this every day until the end and not get to other subject matters at hand. I think there are some people have made their point in terms of some issues in this body. I would suspect that it would be a mistake to rehear a bill that has already been heard. Senator Kremer, according to yesterday's or day before yesterday's paper has got plenty to do. I don't believe there is going to be any substantive issue decided by referring it. I think Senator Goodrich has tried to make a point and maybe Senator Newell has. I'd suggest we proceed now with Senator Simon's request of voting the bill up or voting it down.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Newell amendment to the motion. Senator Newell, do you have any other comments before we put this to a vote? You are closing now.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, if I could ask Senator Kremer a question, Senator Kremer, assuming that I might pull my motion off and then the Goodrich motion is up there to be voted on and that motion basically is to refer the bill to the Public Works Committee, do you intend to have a public hearing as we did in the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee on this bill?

SENATOR KREMER: The bill isn't back there yet.

SENATOR NEWELL: I mean if it does get referred back to the Public Works Committee as the Goodrich motion intends, Goodrich would like to have the bill in front of the committee he serves on, do you intend to have a public hearing? I think that is the intent of something like this.

SENATOR KREMER: I suppose, Senator Newell, if the Legislature said the bill is referred to the Public Works Committee, and I will vote against it, and it does go back there, I would be